

# Onward and Upward!

The AVEC Board of Directors recently awarded scholarships totaling \$15,000 to 15 students from our villages who submitted applications this year. Each student received \$1,000 toward his or her studies in higher education. An additional \$5,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the next board meeting to students who are attending schools that didn't start in September.

The following are outstanding students who were awarded financial help from their electric cooperative to pursue their dreams:

- Dallas Chayalkun of Chevak
- Marcia Leopold of Emmonak
- Gabriel Carmichael of Goodnews Bay
- Barnabus Funk and Florence Nukusuk of Hooper Bay
- Nicholas Shellabarger of Kiana
- Michael Gumlickpuk of New Stuyahok
- Nathan Ekada and John Stickman of Nulato
- Meagan Christiansen of Old Harbor
- Megan Jones of Selawik
- Joel Forbes and Colynn Isaacson of Togiak
- Norman John and Aaron Moses of Toksook Bay

When I look at the applications sent in by these young people from Alaska's remotest communities, I am once again amazed and inspired by how much our youth has to offer. They are bright, articulate, self-assured and optimistic young adults who are a credit to their families, teachers and their villages. They are the future leaders of our communities and our nation, and no money spent on them will ever be wasted.

I wish them all the very best in their future lives, and hope some day they will help others attain their destiny, as AVEC has helped them today.

Until next time,



**Meera Kohler**  
President & CEO



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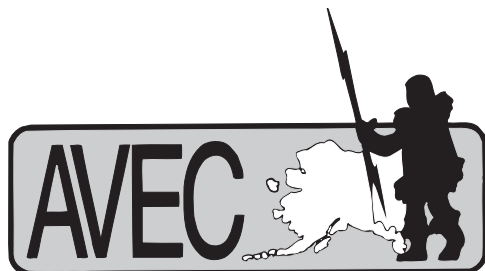
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## Communities Served

- Alakanuk
- Ambler
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- Chevak
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- Russian Mission
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- St. Michael
- Savoonga
- Scammon Bay
- Selawik
- Shageluk
- Shaktoolik
- Shishmaref
- Shungnak
- Stebbins
- Teller
- Togiak
- Toksook Bay
- Tununak
- Upper Kalskag
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